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On August 25, Mr. Jirajett Wongnorraset of MFA's Department of International Organizations telephoned to inform Poloff that the RTG will likely reconsider its position on the candidacy of Ruth Wedgwood for the UN Human Rights Committee (see Reftel A). Jirajett informed that he was contacted on August 24 by the RTG Permanent Mission to the UN in New York and informed that "circumstances had changed" and the RTG will reconsider Professor Wedgwood. Jirajett stopped short of offering an assurance that the RTG would vote in favor of Wedgwood. Nevertheless, he emphasized that the RTG is now in a position to reconsider her candidacy.